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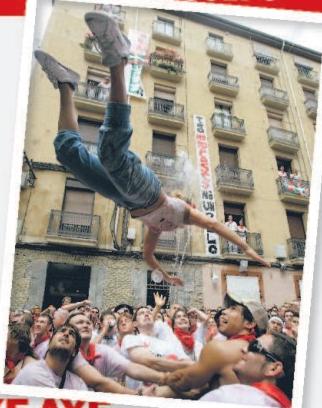


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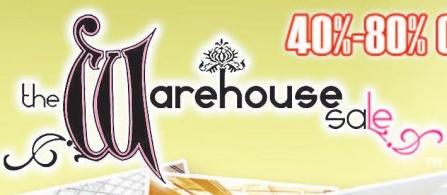
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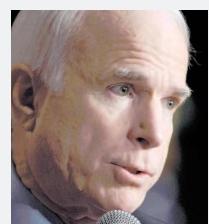
What words come to mind upon hearing the names of presidential candidate Barack Obama and John McCain?

Chances are you blurted out "change" or "outsider" for Obama and "old" for McCain, like 20 percent did for Obama and 19 percent did for McCain in the new Associated Press-Yahoo News poll released Monday.

Here's a sample of other top answers in the poll:



13%
said "lack of experience" for Obama.



9%
said "military service" for McCain and "dishonest" for Obama.

8%
percent said "record" or "qualifications" for McCain and "inspiring" for Obama.

Deadly drinking

Analysis finds college freshmen most at risk to drink selves to death

Associated Press

WINONA, Minn. On the morning after the house party on Johnson Street, Jenna Foellmi and several other twentysomethings lay sprawled on the beds and couches. When a friend reached out to wake her, Foellmi was cold to the touch.

The friend's screams woke up the others still asleep in the house.

Foellmi, a 20-year-old biochemistry major at Winona State University, died of alcohol poisoning on Dec. 14, one day after she had finished her last exam of the semester. According to police reports, she had three beers during the day, then played beer pong—a drinking game—in the evening, and she downed some vodka too.

Foellmi's death was tragic, but typical in many ways.

An Associated Press analysis of federal records found that 157 college-age people, 18 to 23, drank themselves to death from 1999 through 2005, the most recent year for which figures are available. The number of alcohol-poisoning deaths per year rose from 18 in 1999 to 35 in 2005.

Over the seven-year span, 83 of the college-age victims were, like Foellmi, under the drinking age of 21.

"There have always been problems with young people and alcohol, but it just seems like they are a little more intense now than they used to be," said Connie Gores, vice president for student life at Winona State. "The goal of a lot of them is just to get smashed."

A separate AP analysis of hundreds of news articles about alcohol-poisoning deaths in the past decade found that victims drank themselves well past the point of oblivion—with an average blood-alcohol level of 0.40 percent, or five



Jenna Foellmi, a 20-year-old Winona State University student, died from alcohol poisoning on Dec. 14 after a night of heavy drinking. [AP FILE PHOTO]

times the legal limit for driving. In nearly every case, friends knew the victim was drunk and put him or her to bed to "sleep it off."

Schools and communities have responded in a variety of ways, including programs to teach incoming freshmen the dangers of extreme drinking; designating professors to help students avoid overdoing it; and passing laws to discourage binge drinking.

AP's analysis of news articles found freshmen at greatest risk, with 11 of 18 freshmen deaths occurring during the first semester.

One practice—drinking 21 shots on a 21st birthday—has proven especially lethal. Of the college-age deaths that made news, 11 people, including eight college students, died while celebrating their 21st birthdays.

'BEER PONG' CONTROVERSY

Connecticut's attorney general isn't happy that a video game called "Beer Pong" for the Nintendo Wii was rated suitable for children as young as 13. Richard Blumenthal wants the Entertainment

Software Rating Board to change its methods so games involving alcohol aren't recommended to minors. The name of the yet-to-be-released game has been changed to "Pong Toss," and gamemaker JV Games is eliminating all references to alcohol. [AP]



Skies get a little friendlier for May fliers

Associated Press

NEW YORK Domestic airlines improved their on-time arrival rates in May, although more than one in five flights still failed to get passengers to their destination as scheduled, according to government data released Monday.

A total of 21 percent of commercial flights in the U.S. arrived at least 15 minutes late, were canceled or diverted in May, according to the Transportation Department's Bureau of Transportation Statistics.

That is down from more than 22 percent of late flights in the same month last year and in

BETTER BAGGAGE

U.S. carriers also improved their baggage handling in May. About 4.6 passengers out of every 1,000 reported a mishandled bag during the month, compared with nearly 6 per 1,000 a year earlier and 5 per 1,000 in April.

April of this year. The previous month's figure was higher in part because American, the nation's largest carrier, was forced to ground thousands of flights amid tighter government scrutiny of maintenance issues.

The latest government figures show Americans again had the most delays, getting passengers to their destinations as scheduled only 67.3 percent of the time. It was followed by United Airlines, the second-largest carrier, which reported 72.4 percent of on-time arrivals, and Continental Airlines, with 75.4 percent.

Weather was by far the biggest cause of late flights in May, accounting for just over 44 percent of all delays. Only about 39 percent of flights were late because of weather a year earlier.

Reported passenger complaints fell to 885, compared with 930 a year earlier and 1,113 in April.



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GOING PUBLIC



By Kyra Kyles

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No rapid rollout for Bus Tracker

Have you ever wondered about the rhyme and reason of the rollout of the CTA's Bus Tracker?

So far, 52 routes have been blessed with Bus Tracker, which enables riders to leverage Internet-enabled devices to visit cta.bustracker.com and get an estimate of how long it will take before the next bus arrives at a specific stop.

Even "Going Public" is antsy about when CTA will add my go-to routes—the No. 3-King Drive and No. 4-Cottage Grove—to the mass transit mix.

After all, bus-tracking sure beats the old-fashioned method of standing in the street searching desperately for a glimpse of bus headlights in the distance.

The good news: More Bus Tracker routes will be announced this month, according to CTA spokeswoman Sheila Gregory. The bad news: Gregory declined to specify which routes, since the agency is still finalizing details.

I'll keep my eyes peeled for any updates, but if my inbox offers any indication, some riders aren't exactly exercising patience with this public transit technology expected to roll out on all the routes by 2009.

They—and "Going Public"—wonder why, for once, the CTA can't pick up the public transit pace with Bus Tracker.

A faster rollout could definitely increase

How badly do you want bus tracker on your route? Or, if you have it, how is it working out? Share your bus-tracking reactions with us by sending an e-mail to goingpublic@tribune.com. Please include your full name, age and neighborhood, as we may run your comment in "Hey, CTA!"

mass transit morale. Knowing almost precisely when a bus is arriving might appease riders boiling about bus bunching. I'd rather be armed with knowledge of the next bus arrival, even if said bus turned out to be three coming in a convoy.

Breathe easy, bus buddies. There is a method to this seeming mass transit madness, at least according to Gregory, who said the CTA is selecting Bus Tracker routes based on the timing of the equipment's installation and the scheduled retirement of older-model buses. Soon-to-be-retired buses will not be outfitted with the equipment, Gregory said, and that might impact the speed of your route going live.

"Going Public" can certainly understand not expending time and energy adding tracking to older buses. It would be comparable to installing an expensive GPS system or a banging new sound system in an old beater headed for the junkyard.

Also putting the brakes on progress: Buses need to be tested prior to the launch, Gregory said.

"Because of the size of CTA's bus fleet, a progressive rollout is the fastest and most efficient way to make bus tracker available to customers," Gregory said.

All right, all right. Perhaps we could be a bit more understanding about the not-so-rapid rollout. But let's make a deal: How's about a little action on the next-train front, CTA?

HITS FROM THE BLOG

Recently, Kyra Kyles blogged about two professed CTA workers who said they are fed up with customers who rant about rail and bus service. She was surprised to see posts from some riders expressing empathy with CTA employees, even advising complainers to hit the bricks. Here's an excerpt from such a comment by "J":

"Drunk sports fans bothering you? Move to another car. Crying/screaming kids? Move to another car if you can't handle it. If passengers were a bit more considerate of each other, as well as CTA workers, and vice versa, with budget issues aside, then maybe CTA would be a lot more pleasant for everyone."

What do you think of J's comment? Head to our CTA blog at redeyechicago.com/ctablog and sound off on this or other hot transit topics.



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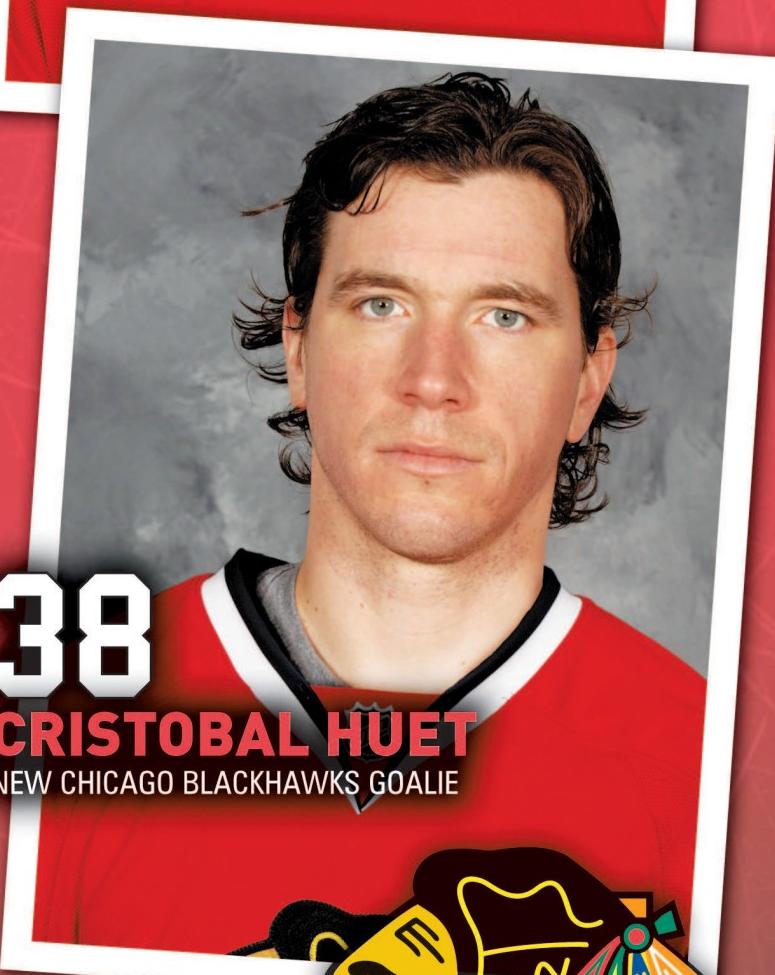
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Bicyclists' battles

Bike messengers share the road with cabs, buses, cars and pedestrians, and they're not always happy about it. [L.V.]



CABS

"There's always been sort of an unproclaimed war with bike messengers and cab drivers, 'cause we both have places to go in a hurry," said Adam Glenn, 21, of Rogers Park, a former bike messenger who now

delivers food on his bike. "I feel that a lot of cab drivers lack paying attention. They don't check their mirrors or the side, or they just don't care," he said.

But Steve Wiedersberg, who has been a cab driver for 25 years, said messengers don't adhere to the rules of the road. "I think they're kamikaze pilots and not bike messengers because they ride so crazy in and out of traffic."



BUSES

"Bus drivers, I think, are the best drivers on the road," said Dave Rynndak, 23, of Wicker Park, who worked for seven months as a messenger last year. "I've never seen a bus driver lose his cool."

Messenger Augie

Montes disagrees. "The amount of times buses come behind you and box you in because they're trying to get to the next bus stop as opposed to slowing down and giving you that three seconds to get past that bus stop, things like that, it happens every day," Montes said.

CTA bus driver Constance Burns said she is cautious when driving downtown, in part because of bike messengers.

"It's a little stressful watching for passengers, watching for cabs and watching for bike messengers, and they're really quick," she said. "Sometimes they cut us off. You have to really be attentive. It's not that we're being mean and [trying] to box them in," Burns said.



PEDESTRIANS

"Pedestrians are probably my biggest pet peeve because they're on their phones, talking to their friends and not paying attention," Glenn said.

Gianna Slomka, 22, a publishing intern who lives in Uptown, said she

looks for bikes when she crosses Michigan Avenue.

"If you don't want to get run over, you should watch out for yourself, like you do [for] cars," she said.

CARS

Drivers often don't check their blind spots or look for bicyclists, especially when making right turns, Rynndak said.

But Joel Mallet, 39, of Lincoln Park said he does pay attention to cyclists. "Always when I drive my car, I'm more concerned about motorcycles and bicycles. I watch a lot in the mirror," he said.



Messengers dodge traffic—and peril—in the streets of Chicago

Bad to

By Leonor Vivanco

REDEYE

They are the road warriors of Chicago streets.

Bike messengers slice through traffic, clashing with drivers, battling buses, sometimes yelling at cabbies and dodging pedestrians who dare to cross their path. Broken bones and scars are their badges of honor. Their armor: simple, speedy bicycles, messenger bags large enough to hold a 30-pack of beer, cargo straps to carry boxes, dispatch radios and, most important of all, helmets.

More than 300 bike messengers in Chicago work year-round to accomplish one important mission: delivering packages as safely and quickly as possible. They make an estimated 1.1 million deliveries a year, mostly downtown, according to the city's 2015 Bike Plan, which was implemented in 2006. The more runs they make, the more money they earn.

But, as they buzz along city streets, bike messengers ride a fine line between adventure and risk. Some drivers and pedestrians who share the road see messengers as reckless riders who follow their own set of rules.

Messengers admit to breaking traffic laws and riding aggressively.

"A lot of times it's very likely the messenger who just broke the traffic law you saw is delivering a document that directly affects your life," said Augie Montes, 34, co-owner of 4 Star Courier Collective and a bike messenger for eight years.

"It's not really about trying to be the biggest badass downtown. It's trying to get the job done and trying not to break your neck in the process," he said.

The job has its occupational hazards—including the risk of injury or even death.

More than 6,000 crashes between bicycles and motor vehicles were reported in Chicago between 2001 and 2005, with 30 bicyclists killed, according to the city's Transportation Department.

COVER STORY

THE NEED FOR SPEED

Bike messengers' skills will be put to the test Labor Day weekend in the 11th annual North American Cycle Courier Championship in Chicago. The sanctioned event, which crowns a working bike messenger in North America as the winner, will be held on a closed course in Garfield Park, where checkpoints and assigned pick-up and drop-off locations simulate a day of work. [L.V.]

City officials are trying to make roads safer for all cyclists. In March, the City Council approved fines ranging from \$150 to \$500 for certain driving violations, including turning left or right in front of a cyclist, passing a cyclist with less than three feet of space, opening a vehicle door into the path of a cyclist, and parking in a bicycle lane.

Some bike messengers doubt the new laws will be enforced. Even so, the fines are a positive step, said Amy Polcaster, 20, of Humboldt Park.

"It sends a message there are bikers in Chicago. We're not trying to hurt anybody, but we're here, and we'd like a little room in the street," said Polcaster, who delivers food for Freshii catering on her bike, often hauling 50 sandwiches and 50 cans of pop to businesses.

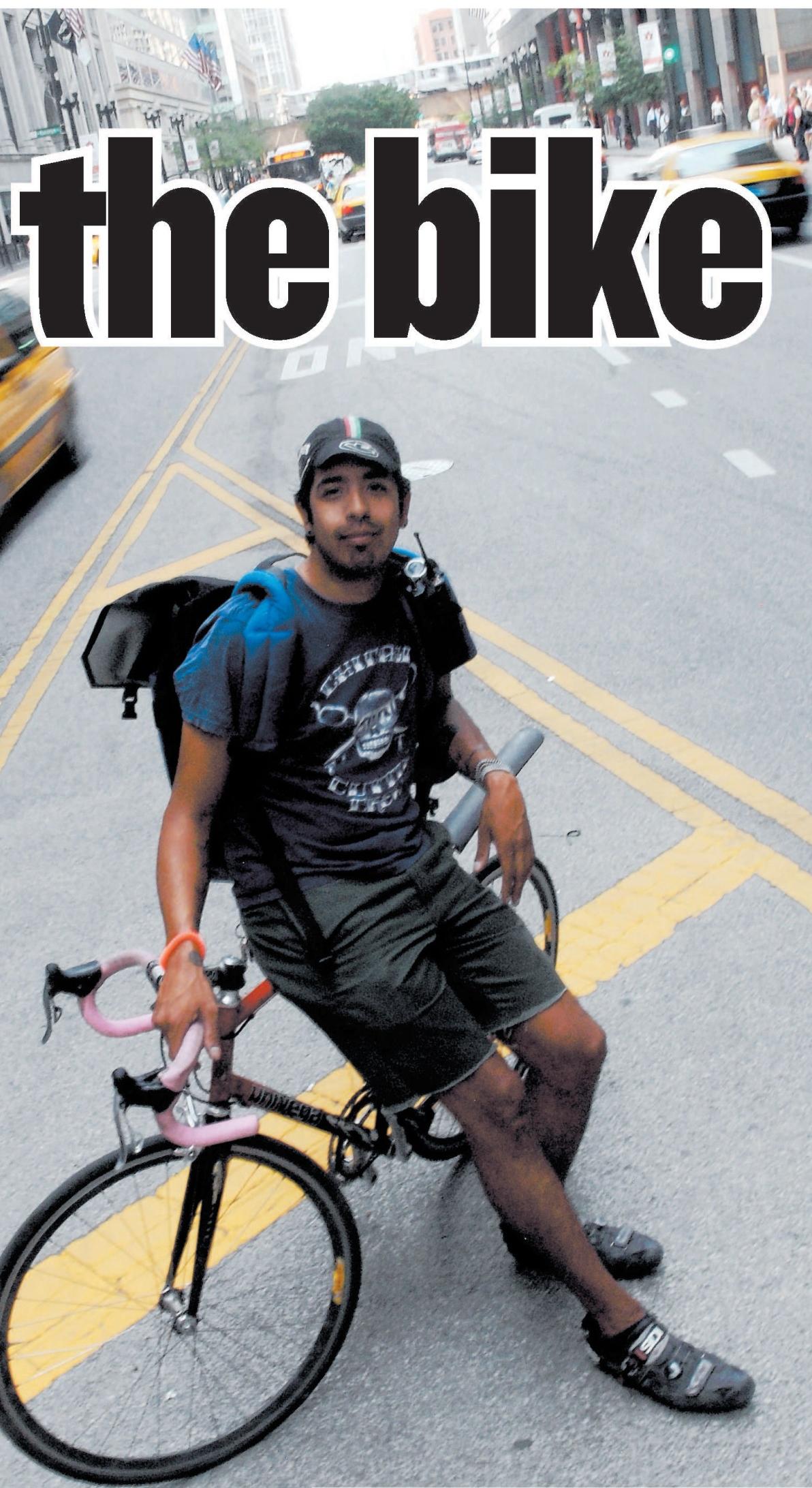
Even though the job can be dangerous, bike messengers brave blistering cold winters, wet springs and humid summers because they say they love the job.

"You don't have someone looking over your shoulder. You're not stuck in a cubicle all day," said Rene Cudal, 40, a messenger for 13 years who lives in Noble Square and a co-owner of 4 Star Courier Collective.

On an average day, a bike messenger makes roughly 30 deliveries and clocks at least 30 miles, messengers say. They can take home an average of \$100 a day, Cudal said. Some messenger companies pay commission per delivery, while others pay an hourly wage plus commission.

The messengers defend their job, saying it's not an easy one. Instead, it's a balancing act in a race against time.

"A lot of people do not really realize how hard it is. [They think] 'Oh, you're just riding your bike,'" Cudal said. "But let's see you cut through this traffic and get to North Avenue [from Superior and Wells Streets] in seven minutes." **LIVIVANCO@TRIBUNE.COM**



the bike

Augie Montes, 34, says of the messenger profession: "It's trying to get the job done and trying not to break your neck in the process." [KATE DOUGHERTY PHOTO FOR REDEYE]

Special delivery

It's not unusual for bike messengers to deliver manila envelopes filled with paperwork or occasional boxes. But the assignments can sometimes be downright strange. Bike messengers Rene Cudal and Augie Montes recall their unforgettable deliveries.

HARDEST

A 7-foot-long, 1-foot-wide canister wrapped in pink Bubble Wrap weighing 50 pounds.

"I thought I looked like Wile E. Coyote with the rocket pack on his back," Cudal said.

SMALEST

A postage stamp-sized Post-It with a logo. "I was worried I'd lose it or use it as scrap paper," Cudal said.

CRAZIEST

Underwear. Montes was called to a downtown hotel on Wacker Drive to pick up a manila envelope from a man and deliver it to a woman at a law firm. When he took the package out to deliver it, he noticed the envelope wasn't sealed very well and had come open. "Part of what was in there was coming out and I went to shove it back in and seal the envelope when I realized it was this woman's underwear," he said.



WEIRDEST

Pumped breast milk. A few years ago, Montes picked up an envelope at a downtown law firm that had some kind of liquid in it. After calling his dispatcher, he found out what it was: breast milk. He delivered it to a nanny at an Old Town residence. Montes recalled his reaction at the time: "You've got to be kidding me." [L.V.]

Trade secrets

Good bike messengers don't need to rely on Google or Mapquest to find their destination. They know every street and alley downtown and the fastest way to get from Point A to Point B.

Best downtown routes

» **LaSalle Street** is convenient if riding a bike because the lights are timed so cyclists can coast through six blocks without hitting a red light, said Adam Glenn, who delivers food on his bike.

» **Lower Wacker Drive, Lower Michigan Avenue and Lower Randolph Street** are quick, direct routes without many cars and can keep cyclists dry, messengers say.

» **Milwaukee and Elston Avenues** are good routes because they run diagonally and have dedicated bike lanes, said former messenger Amy Polcaster.

Streets to avoid

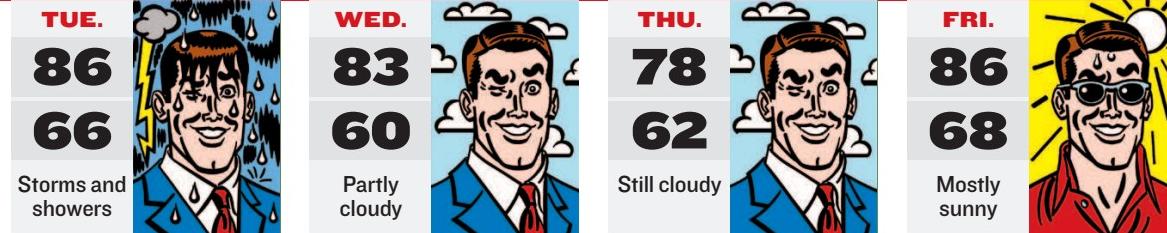
» **Michigan Avenue** during rush hour and **Wabash Avenue**, Glenn said.

» The triple intersection of **Grand and Milwaukee Avenues and Halsted Street**, because of traffic and road conditions, said messenger Augie Montes. The potholes make roads look like "well-used minefields," he said.

» **Streets under construction**, messengers said.

» **Bridges** can be troublesome and can cause you to fishtail if slippery. "When it's raining or snowing, the metal bridges in the city can be extremely unforgiving," Glenn said. [L.V.]

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Weapons cache, toxin lead to arrest

Chicago Tribune

A Lake in the Hills man who was arrested after ordering a deadly pufferfish toxin had a cache of weapons in his home and was named as the beneficiary of a \$5 million life insurance policy on his wife, prosecutors said Monday.

Federal prosecutors also said the wife, Rebecca Bachner, was the intended target in 2005, when her husband, Edward Bachner IV, sent out e-mails soliciting a hit man to carry out the "permanent retirement" of a 32-year-old woman.

Bachner, 35, was charged last week with the illegal possession of the deadly neurotoxin tetrodotoxin.

Federal prosecutors said the life insurance policy had a terrorism rider, which would pay Bachner an additional sum if his wife were killed by a terrorist act. Prosecutors declined to say when the policy was taken out. At a U.S. District Court hearing in Rockford, U.S. Magistrate Judge P. Michael Mahoney called Bachner's behavior "unpredictable" and ordered that he be held without bail.

During searches of the couple's home that began with a June 30 raid, authorities found two passports—one of them expired—phony Central Intelligence Agency credentials and weapons that included a Glock 9 mm pistol, five garrotes and 50 knives, said Asst. U.S. Atty. Mark Karner.

Authorities said Bachner, posing as a researcher, had been ordering the toxin from a California company since 2006 in doses large enough to kill 100 people. Another order from a New Jersey company was intercepted by the FBI, which set up an undercover delivery to Bachner before he was taken into custody, authorities said.



Authorities say Edward Bachner IV had been ordering enough pufferfish toxins to kill 100 people. [AP FILE PHOTO]



Pallbearers on Monday carry the casket of slain Chicago Police Officer Richard Francis. [MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE PHOTO]

Farewell for slain cop

CPD, city honor Richard Francis, who died in line of duty

Chicago Tribune

The police officers stood in dress wool uniforms in stifling heat and held their formation under threat of drenching rain.

As a measure of the dedication to a police officer who died in the line of duty, the governor of Illinois and mayor of Chicago also waited in the heat as the measured pageantry of an official funeral unfolded Monday.

On a day in which police officers were praised by their chaplain for being the "barbed wire between the sheep and the wolves," a department and a city honored slain Officer Richard Francis, 60, with pipes and drums, rifle salutes and an escort of mounted officers.

As a police honor guard lifted the casket, neighbors lined the street and watched from porches until the Northwest Side street around St. Monica Catholic Church looked like a somber reviewing stand.

"We often take our police officers for granted until something like this happens," Mayor Daley said, his voice carried

WHAT HAPPENED

Early last Wednesday, Richard Francis was on a seemingly routine assignment, patrolling alone, when he was shot and killed in a struggle with a woman who had caused a disturbance with a CTA bus passenger less than a block from the Belmont District police station where Francis worked, officials have said. Also wounded in the scuffle, Robin Johnson was charged with first-degree murder of a police officer, four counts of attempted murder of a police officer and disarming an officer.

onto the street by loudspeakers outside the church. "His death is a sad reminder of the gratitude we owe the men and women of the Chicago Police Department."

Eight officers carried the polished wooden casket, the hush as they moved broken only by clipped commands, the precise clicks of their heels and sniffles from Francis' family.

"People get up and they say, 'He gave his life in the line of duty,'" police chaplain Rev. Thomas Nangle said during the funeral mass. "He didn't. It was taken."

The seeming senselessness of the act—

which came as Francis was nearing retirement—served to underscore in general the dangers police officers face even on predictable calls for help, and cast a spotlight in particular on the dedication Francis brought to 27 years as a beat cop.

During the mass, Daley noted the 35 commendations Francis received. Supt. Jody Weis praised the fallen officer as "a wagon man" who drove a squad wagon to help quell bar fights, riots and other late-night disturbances.

"He would always answer, no matter what the call was," Weis said, tying Francis' devotion to the risks all officers take on.

At least 500 officers lined up in the parking lot as the services came to a close. The green-kilted Emerald Society pipe band played a patriotic medley. A pair of buglers playing taps followed them, and then came three rifle volleys so sudden they startled the horses lined up near the waiting gray hearse.

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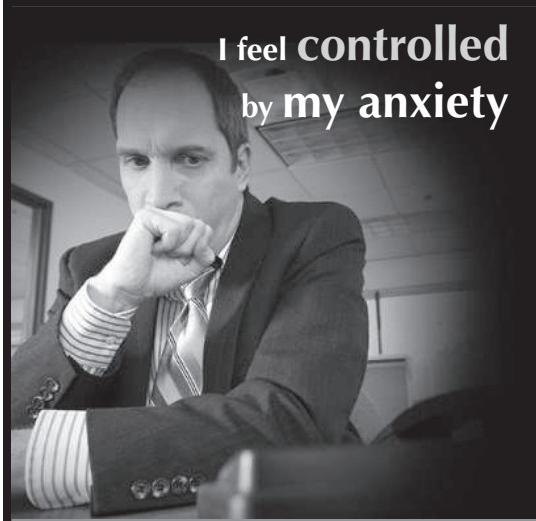
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CHICAGO

FROM NEWS SERVICES

Man killed in motorcycle crash

A Chicago man was killed early Monday morning when he lost control of his motorcycle and slammed into a light pole along the outbound lanes of the Kennedy Expressway, state police said. James Dennison, 42, of the I500 block of North Elston Avenue, lost control around 12:30 a.m. and ran off the road just east of the Nagle Avenue exit, Illinois State Police Sgt. Mike Karpinski said.

Teen in shooting held on bail

One of two teenagers charged as adults for allegedly robbing and shooting another teen in a South Side church last week was ordered held on \$450,000 bail Monday. The teen appeared in Bond Court at the Cook County Criminal Courts Building on charges that the teen robbed and shot a 15-year-old July 1 after a dice game escalated into a quarrel at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, 9837 S. Throop St.

Fired reporter sues over video

Former investigative reporter Amy Jacobson and her husband, Jaime Anglada, filed suit Monday seeking more than \$1 million in damages from CBS Broadcasting and several employees for airing a video of her last year at the home of Craig Stebic, the husband of a missing Plainfield woman. Jacobson was fired from WMAQ-Ch. 5 a year ago after a rival station, CBS-owned WBBM-Ch. 2, aired video of her in a bikini top at the Stebic home.



Starr power

Ex-Beatles drummer Ringo Starr celebrates his 68th birthday Monday at the Hard Rock Hotel. "Twelve o'clock—peace and love!" he yelled at noon, flashing double peace signs with his fingers. The rocker said his birthday wish was to spread the simple message, "peace and love." [AP PHOTO]

Suppelsa to settle in behind WGN news desk

TV ON THE RADIO

Since leaving Fox, newly minted WGN anchor Mark Suppelsa also took a job as newscaster on The Mix (101.9-FM's) popular morning show with Eric Ferguson and Kathy Hart, a role he plans to continue.

It appears TV news mainstay Mark Suppelsa finally found a place to drop anchor.

Suppelsa signed with WGN, which said Monday it will install him as Allison Payne's 9 p.m. co-anchor later this month. The two also will co-anchor a new 5:30 p.m. newscast the station intends to introduce in September.

Suppelsa has been off the air since walking away from Fox in March, and he technically was in limbo professionally until Fox's contractual restrictions lapsed in mid-June. It had, however, long seemed likely he was headed to WGN—which, like RedEye, is owned by Tribune Co.—

especially with the station poised to expand its news offerings.

"More local news programming throughout the day has been our objective for some time now," Tom Ehlmann, WGN's vice president and general manager, said in a statement. "Our current newscasts are well-established with viewers. ... This truly allows us to expand from a position of strength."

As part of that expansion, Steve Sanders, Payne's WGN co-anchor at 9 p.m. for 15 years, will join Micah Materre in fronting a newly expanded midday newscast. WGN said the 90-minute, 11:30 a.m. program also will launch in September.

Suspect in stabbing was convicted in Florida

The man accused of killing his wife in a hotel parking lot in suburban Lincolnshire was convicted of attempting to kill his first wife and abducting their 8-year-old daughter nearly two decades ago in Florida, according to Florida's Department of Corrections.

Clarence Weber, 58, most recently of Waukegan, is being sought by police in the stabbing death of his second wife, Adelina Weber, 31. She was stabbed Saturday afternoon in a parking lot outside the SpringHill Suites, next to a pancake house where she was a server. She stumbled into the hotel at about 2:15 p.m. and collapsed in the lobby, witnesses said.

On Sunday police issued an arrest warrant for Clarence Weber—whom they described as 6 feet tall, blond with blue eyes, and weighing about 190 pounds—and said he may have escaped in a rented car. By

Monday, leads had dried up, said Cmdr. Don Smith of the Lake County Major Crimes Task Force, which is leading the investigation.

"We have no idea where he's at," Smith said. "We've eliminated the places where we thought he might have gone."

Grieving family members and Adelina Weber's divorce lawyer painted a grim picture of emotional abuse they said she had suffered as she sought an order of protection and a divorce from her husband, a truck driver for Sysco Food Services in Des Plaines.

Waukegan Police Chief Bill Biang said officers had been called to the Webers' home "three or four times" in response to domestic disputes.

"It was verbal arguments, domestic-type incidents," Biang said. "No physical contact."

On May 7, the Webers' house burned to the ground, an incident that police are investigating as a suspected arson. He suffered burns and was hospitalized for at least a week, according to court records.

On June 30, she filed for divorce, according to court documents.

"He got served on July 1, and she was dead four days later," her lawyer, Helen Rogal said.

BY THE NUMBERS

The Chicago Fire Department released figures about fireworks-related injuries reported July 1-5. The number of injuries declined, compared with the same period the last two years.

16

Number of firework-related fires

3

Number of fireworks-related injuries

5

Number of fireworks-related injuries over the same period in 2007

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Number of fireworks-related deaths over that period in 2007



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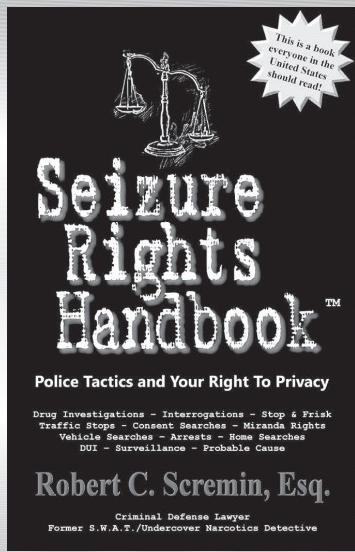
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NATION/WORLD

FROM NEWS SERVICES

Abducted boy safe in Mexico

1 HOKKAIDO, Japan Ahhhh! Giant heads on the floor! Actually, they are costume heads representing seven of the eight G8 leaders. To wrap up this year's three-day meeting in the lakeside town of Toyokocho, the G8 leaders are scheduled to issue a declaration Wednesday that will address a wide range of global and regional issues, including the fight against global warming. [AP PHOTO]



2 BIG SUR, Calif. Lucas Robinson, from the Platte Canyon fire crew in Bailey, Colo., hoses down hot spots Monday in a wildfire-ravaged forest. While cooler temperatures over the past several days have helped firefighters, temperatures are expected to warm again this week. [AP PHOTO]



3 FRANKFORT, Ind. Officials investigate a crash Monday on Interstate 65 that killed three people after police said a car heading south on the interstate lost control and crossed the median. The car was then hit by a semi driving north on I-65, tearing the car in two, police said. [AP PHOTO]



4 MADRID, Colombia A flower-laden U.S. cargo plane headed for Miami crashed near the Colombian capital Monday, killing two people on the ground, according to authorities. It was the second time in about six weeks that a Boeing 747 flown by Kalitta Air of Ypsilanti, Mich., has crashed. [AP PHOTO]

5 SANTA ANA, Calif. A desperate five-day search for a 9-year-old boy allegedly abducted by his father in Southern California ended in Mexico, where the man died in a car crash and the boy was found safe in a church, authorities said Monday.

Ryan Ramos was found alone Sunday in a Mormon church in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, and was expected home in Orange County on Monday, sheriff's spokesman Jim Amormino said. He had been missing since Wednesday, when his father, Lonnie Ramos, allegedly shot his estranged wife in the face during a custody exchange and took off with their child, authorities said.

TIPS LEAD TO SUSPECT

Authorities got a tip Lonnie Ramos and his son, Ryan, were seen crossing the border by foot near Andrade, about 160 miles east of San Diego. The motor home rented by Ramos was found in the area Saturday.

On Monday, authorities announced that Lonnie Ramos, 46, had been killed in a car accident in Juarez, Amormino said. He did not have any other details.

The boy was in El Paso, Texas, across the border from Juarez, awaiting a private flight to Southern California, Amormino said.



Suspicious package

6 U.S. Army officials have blown up a suspicious package found near a commercial traffic gate at Ft. Bliss in Texas. Base spokeswoman Jean Offutt said an Army bomb-sniffing dog alerted its handlers to some sort of explosive scent in the package. Army explosives experts detonated the item in a field away from the gate. No injuries were reported.

Bertha churning

7 Hurricane Bertha continues to strengthen as it moves over the central Atlantic. As of late Monday, the Atlantic season's first hurricane was centered about 730 miles east of the northern Leeward Islands and had reached major hurricane status with winds of 115 mph. Forecasters say Bertha is expected to turn in the general direction of Bermuda.

Rocket report

8 The FBI and federal aviation officials are investigating whether a model rocket with a flaming tail shot past a cockpit window of a Continental jet that had just taken off from Houston's airport with 148 passengers on board on May 26. Flight 1544 continued to Cleveland after reporting the object to air traffic controllers.

Greener Prius?

9 Toyota's Prius gas-electric hybrid will become even greener next year with solar-powered air conditioning on some high-end models, The Nikkei in Tokyo reported Monday. The solar panels on the roof of the new Prius model will provide 2 to 5 kilowatts of electricity, the major Japanese business daily said in a report.

AND FINALLY ...

- >> Bomber kills 41 outside Indian embassy in Afghanistan (right)
- >> American hostage freed from Colombia denounces terrorists
- >> Flap over fake tiger pictures in China grows
- >> Iraq says it wants timetable for troop withdrawal



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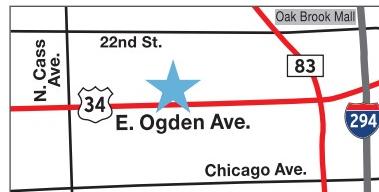
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Blackhawks game at Wrigley a done deal, according to report

Chicago Tribune

In what is fast becoming the worst-kept secret in hockey, an official announcement appears imminent that the Blackhawks will play host to the Detroit Red Wings at Wrigley Field on Jan. 1 in the second Winter Classic.

A Hawks source told the Tribune in June the team was confident it would be awarded the outdoor game, and late Sunday the Minneapolis Star-Tribune reported the matchup and venue were approved last week when NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman met with the Hawks, Cubs and Mayor Daley.

However, a league source said that while representatives of the NHL met with the Mayor's Office, Bettman and Daley were not present. Hawks officials couldn't confirm the decision has been made, saying the league will make the announcement, which could be made in conjunction with the beginning of the inaugural July 18-20 Blackhawks Convention at the Chicago Hilton.

"We're hopeful it happens, but that has to come out of the league office," Hawks General Manager Dale Tallon said Monday.

The league had hoped to hold the Winter Classic in Yankee Stadium as the venue's final event, but myriad logistical problems prevented it. The Wings were initially reluctant to play the game in Chicago on New Year's Day because the team traditionally has a home game Dec. 31 and it also would like to host an outdoor game.

"If it happens, it would be awesome," Hawks winger Patrick Kane said last month. "You want to talk about history, you have the Hawks and Wings—two Original Six teams at Wrigley Field—it probably doesn't get any more historic than that."

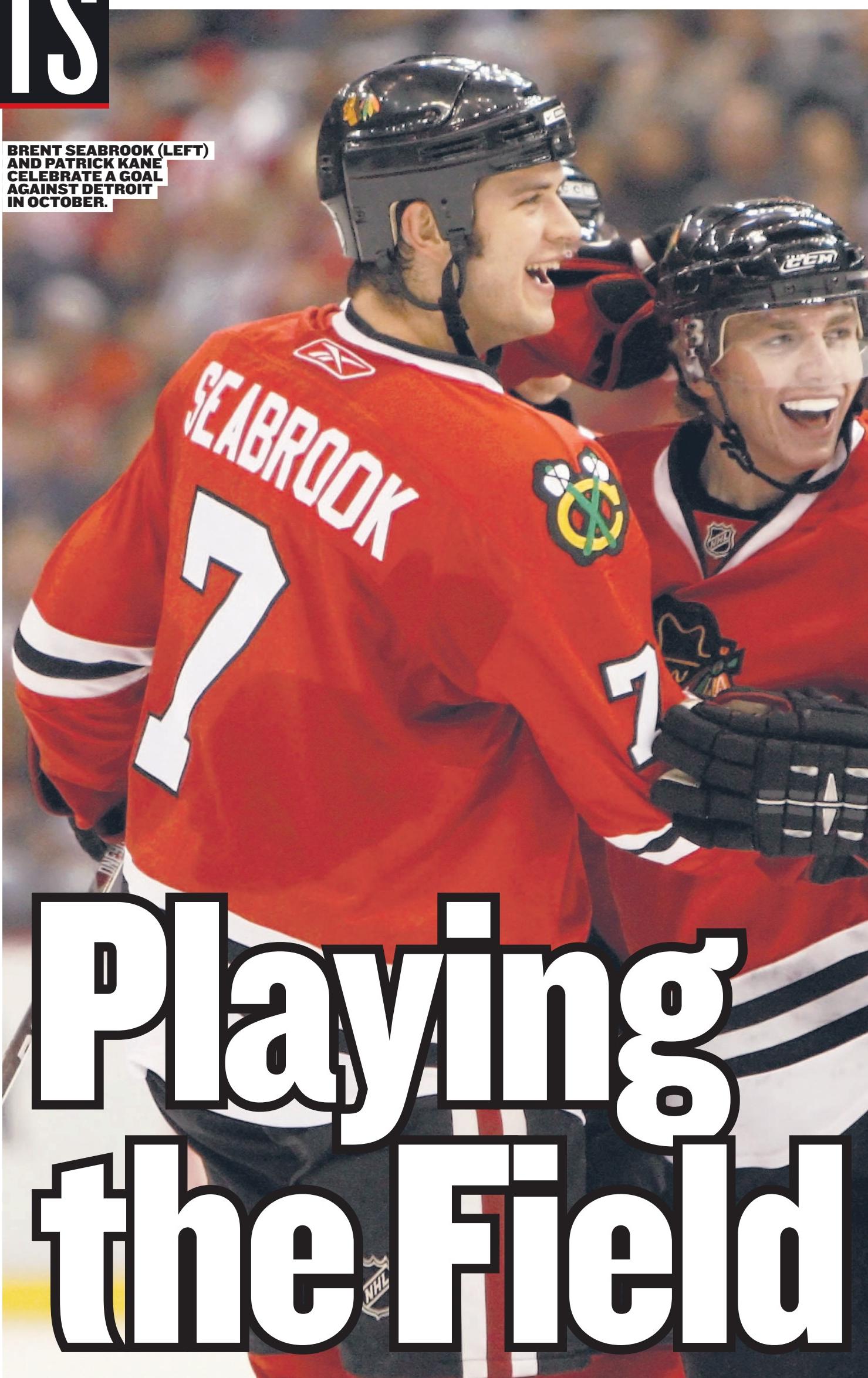
HAWKS HITS



The Hawks added to their defensive mix by signing hard-nosed free agent Matt Walker to a one-year deal. Walker, 28, played in 43 games with the Blues last season.

» The Hawks have entered into a corporate partnership with the Chicago Board Options Exchange. Coach Denis Savard and legendary Hawks Bobby Hull, Stan Mikita and Tony Esposito will visit the CBOE trading floor at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and will ring the Opening Bell. [TRIBUNE]

BRENT SEABROOK (LEFT) AND PATRICK KANE CELEBRATE A GOAL AGAINST DETROIT IN OCTOBER.



Playing the field

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txt The Wrigley Field game would be the NHL's third outdoor game. When was the first one held? Text "out" and the number of your answer to 47383. You'll get a message in return telling you if you got the answer right.

(1) 1994 (3) 2000
 (2) 1997 (4) 2003

Events at Wrigley

The Blackhawks won't be the only non-Cubs entity to have used Wrigley Field. Here are some historical highlights: [REDEYE, TRIBUNE]

1914

The stadium, then called Weeghman Park, is built as the home for the upstart Federal League's Chicago Federals baseball team, who adopt the name Whales in their second and final season. The Cubs move in in 1916.

**BEARS GAME FROM 1968****1921**

George Halas' Chicago Staleys (now the Bears) play at Wrigley until moving into Soldier Field in 1971.

1934

More than 35,000 spectators watch wrestler Jim Londos successfully defend his world heavyweight title against Ed "Strangler" Lewis.

**1944**

A ski jumping tournament is held.

1940s

The Jehovah's Witnesses hold three conventions there for three straight years during the 1940s, according to the book "Wrigley Field: The Unauthorized Biography."

1946

Middleweight champion Jake LaMotta knocks out Bob Satterfield.

1954

The Harlem Globetrotters, who were actually formed in Chicago, become the first sports attraction to play under the lights at Wrigley Field, according to nba.com.

Late '70s, early '80s

The Sting of the North American Soccer League splits home games between Wrigley and Soldier Field, and later Comiskey Park.

September 2005

Jimmy Buffett stages the first stand-alone concerts in Wrigley history as tens of thousands of Parrotheads watched from the field, stands and neighboring rooftops.

**July 2007**

A Sting of different variety invades Wrigley. The Police stages two reunion shows.

CANINE LINES

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**1 Trouble brewing**

Milwaukee traded for pitcher CC Sabathia. That sound you just heard was all of Cubdom groaning.

2 Dollar store

Milwaukee's strong farm system let them package four minor-leaguers, including blue-chipper Matt LaPorta, to swing the deal for the Cy Young winner. Jim Hendry, are you paying attention?

3 Dye job

White Sox player Jermaine Dye is second in last-chance fan voting on the Internet for the All-Star Game. And, boy, are my paws tired.

4 Ice is nice

It looks like the Blackhawks will play Detroit on New Year's Day at Wrigley Field. What better way to start the year than drunk, cold and bored?

5 Call it what you want

The NHL calls its annual outdoor game the Winter Classic. It sure would be nice to see a Fall Classic at Wrigley before a Winter Classic.

6 Welcome to the Rose era

Bulls No. 1 pick Derrick Rose's first shot in summer league competition was an air ball. Uh-oh.

7 Noah joke

Michael Beasley, the No. 2 pick in the draft, apparently dominated the Bulls' Joakim Noah in the same game, scoring 28. Maybe he was thinking about his next cognac.

8 Playing hardball

Alex Rodriguez's wife filed for divorce, and she is asking for alimony and child support. No wonder A-Rod needed that \$275 million contract—he might have to live with just half of it.

9 N.Y. black 'n' blue

A Massachusetts man was charged with assault and battery for allegedly beating a New York man he thought was a Yankees fan. Lots of Yankees taking beatings today, I see.

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For: If you're short on players, there's a surplus of liquored-up hooligans at the Cubby Bear.

Against: The last home team to play there and win a title was the 1963 Bears.

I'm all for it. For once, the most padded uniform won't be a Wrigleyville Trixie.

Against: Ronnie "Woo Woo" Wickers flies in from his winter home in Arizona for the game.

The beatings that occur on the scoreboard will now occur in the parking lot.

TOPIC 2: CC SABATHIA NOW PITCHES FOR THE BREWERS—WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CUBS?

Clearly they need to trade for a fat lefty. Is David Wells still around?

At least one naked Brewer after they blow their uniform allowance on Sabathia and Prince Fielder.

Having a beer gut take the mound at Wrigley brings back fond memories of Antonio Alfonseca.

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Michael Beasley scored 28 points in 23 minutes, lifting Miami past the Bulls 94-70 on Monday in the Orlando summer league opener for both teams. It was the ninth-highest scoring performance in Orlando summer league history. Bulls rookie Derrick Rose finished with 10 points on 3-for-8 shooting, with four assists and five turnovers.



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Tuesday: 7:05 p.m., CSN. RH Aaron Harang (3-10, 4.47) vs. RH Ryan Dempster (9-3, 3.24)

Wednesday: 7:05 p.m., CSN. RH Johnny Cueto (7-8, 4.63) vs. RH Carlos Zambrano (9-3, 2.96)

Thursday: 1:20 p.m., WGN. RH Bronson Arroyo (6-7, 5.82) vs. LH Ted Lilly (9-5, 4.47)



NEXT SERIES at Kansas City

Tuesday: 7:10 p.m., WCIU. RH Jose Contreras (5-6, 4.02) vs. RH Kyle Davies (3-1, 4.71)

Wednesday: 7:10 p.m., CSN+/CLTV. RH Javier Vazquez (7-7, 4.37) vs. RH Brian Bannister (7-8, 5.15)

Thursday: 7:10 p.m., CSN. LH Mark Buehrle (6-7, 3.91) vs. RH Zack Greinke (7-5, 3.62)



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DOUBLE DUTY CLASSIC

Walther Lutheran's Steve Easter and Blair Springfield of Decatur shared co-MVP honors at the first Double Duty Classic and played to a 4-4 tie Monday at U.S. Cellular Field. The event commemorated Negro League players such as the Chicago American Giants' Ted "Double Duty" Radcliffe.



MADONNA'S MEN

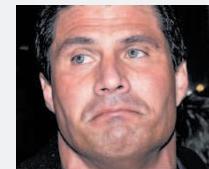
A-Rod is not the first sports star linked—romantically or not—to Madonna. Here are some others.



» Dennis Rodman



» Charles Barkley



» Jose Canseco



» John Starks



» Brian Shaw

Marital strikeout

A tumultuous week for Alex Rodriguez, played out in tabloid headlines and carried on the whispers of a connection to Madonna, came to a head Monday when his wife filed for divorce.

The more than 5-year marriage collapsed amid reports of a new friendship between the Yankees slugger and the 49-year-old pop singer.

Played out in both the sports pages and gossip magazines, the saga appeared to have taken its toll on Cynthia Rodriguez, who said in divorce papers that her husband "emotionally abandoned his wife and children."

"The marriage of the parties is irretrievably broken because of the husband's extramarital affairs and other marital misconduct," according to her petition for dissolution of marriage, filed in the family division of Miami-Dade County Circuit Court.

The New York Yankees third baseman, who earned his 12th All-Star selection Sunday, has refused to comment on any relationship with Madonna.

Rodriguez's attorney in Miami, Ira Elegant said he had not reviewed the divorce petition, but he added: "As you know, anyone can pay the filing fee and make allegations."

Days before the filing, stories linking Rodriguez and Madonna began to surface, including an Us Weekly report last week saying that Rodriguez made several late-night visits to Madonna's apartment in New York.

Madonna, who is married to filmmaker Guy Ritchie, denied any romantic involvement with Rodriguez in a statement Sunday.

"I am not romantically involved in any way with Alex Rodriguez," the statement said.

AT THE BUZZER

CC see-ya, periods

New Milwaukee Brewers pitcher CC Sabathia no longer wants periods after the initials he uses for his first name. The Brewers traded four prospects to Cleveland for Sabathia.

AND FINALLY ... French rider Samuel Dumoulin won the third stage of the Tour de France, while American William Frischkorn was second. Romain Feillu of France finished third to claim the yellow jersey. » Rafael Nadal's five-set victory over Roger Federer on NBC on Sunday earned the championship's highest overnight rating in eight years, the network said Monday.

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FREE MUNCH

Who says you can't get something for nothing anymore? These freebies will help you forget all about the grim economy

By Heidi Moore

Stocks are plunging, the housing market is in the dumps and Chicago just got stuck with the highest sales tax in the country—a whopping 10.25 percent. But why complain when you could be out munching on free food? Give your wallet a break when you take advantage of these steals.

Martini Park

151 W. ERIE ST. 312-640-0577

The freebie: Appetizers, 5-8 p.m. Tuesdays
The catch: None

The scene: Stop by this River North after-work hot spot for elegant passed appetizers on Torch Tuesdays. These aren't your typical lowbrow finger foods—keep an eye out for the truffled mac-and-cheese sticks and kobe beef sliders. Complete the retro cocktail party vibe with a classic drink like a Manhattan or a sidecar. All specialty martinis are \$7 on Tuesdays.

Landmark

1633 N. HALSTED ST. 312-587-1600

The freebie: Pizza,
 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays
The catch: Wine purchase required

The scene: Lincoln Park professionals and theater-goers keep this spot buzzing, and with good reason: The food definitely

delivers. That makes this mid-week pizza deal a steal. All pizzas (normally \$12) are free with purchase of any bottle of wine, including the \$50-or-less bottles that are half off on Wednesdays. Pair the duck sausage pizza with a 2005 Le Bocce Chianti Classico (\$18 on Wednesdays, normally \$36).

Kitsch'n River North

600 W. CHICAGO AVE. 312-644-1500

The freebie: Appetizer buffet,
 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays
The catch: None

The scene: This second Kitsch'n outpost in the former Montgomery Ward building is a little sleeker and more urban than its kooky Roscoe Village sibling. Clock out of work early and load up on free finger food such as chicken wings, ham-and-cheese sandwiches and spanakopita. Then make a beeline for the outdoor beer garden complete with shady table umbrellas and colorful Christmas lights.

Sit back and let the free eats come to you Tuesdays at Martini Park.

[BARRY BRECHEISEN PHOTO FOR METROMIX]

Debonair Social Club

1575 N. MILWAUKEE AVE. 773-227-7990

The freebie: Lemon granita
The catch: Patio patrons only
The scene: Hipsters flock to this love-it-or-hate-it Wicker Park club to hear top DJs spinning everything from '80s Top 40 hits to indie tracks. Weeknights are more low-key. Head straight for the tiny sidewalk patio for a free cup of icy goodness, then keep the chill going with a vodka-lemonade Italian ice (\$6 a glass).

Sedgwick's Bar & Grill

1935 N. SEDGWICK ST. 312-337-7900

The freebie: Buffet, 11 p.m.-1 a.m. Fridays and midnight-2 a.m. Saturdays
The catch: None

The scene: This popular Lincoln Park sports bar's weekend late-night buffet, an old standby, is the perfect choice during a recession (er, "economic slowdown"). You'll get whatever the kitchen's dishing up—typical bar food like pizza, wings, quesadillas, ribs and potato skins—but it'll certainly fill you up.

Big Chicks

5024 N. SHERIDAN RD. 773-728-5511

The freebie: Barbecue dinner,
 4 p.m. Sundays

The catch: One-drink minimum—but you can make it cheap with a \$2.50 vodka-lemonade.

The scene: Many of this Uptown bar's loyal patrons, both gay and straight, have been coming to this annual summertime backyard barbecue for years. The spread of hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers and potato salad disappears quickly—usually by 4:30 p.m. The \$2.50 vodka-lemonades, however, are available all night. The deal ends on Labor Day.

Cleos

1935 W. CHICAGO AVE. 312-243-5600

The freebie: Buffet, 11 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturdays
The catch: One-drink minimum

The scene: Ukie Village locals and escapees from Wicker Park's ever-crowded bar scene frequent this friendly watering hole. The huge back patio is close to the buffet in the back of the bar, where you can satisfy late-night munchies with free hummus and pita, quesadillas, pizza, wings and more. The eats disappear quickly, but they're replenished several times—good news, because once you get settled here, you'll forget about leaving anytime soon.

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Martini Park sliders

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BEST BETS



PONY UP! Order a round or two Thursday at The Pony's grand opening party. [JASON LITTLE PHOTO FOR METROMIX]

**TUE
7/8**

Get on the bus

Love Wrigley Field but hate the hassle of getting there? Avoid traffic snarls by hopping aboard **Mrs. Murphy and Sons Irish Bistro's Game Day Shuttle**. The North Center restaurant offers park-and-ride bus service to Murphy's Bleacher's, located across the street from the Friendly Confines. Once you're there, get expedited entry to the bar. No tix to the game? Watch the Cubs take on Cincinnati (7:05 p.m.) on the bar's TVs. Bus runs two hours before and two hours after the game. Free. 3905 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-248-3905.

922-3432. Reservations recommended: architecture.org

**WED
7/9**

In the pink

See the world through rose-colored glasses during the **Rosé Wine Tasting: A Lifestyle** event. Sip 15 to 20 wines on the patio with sommelier Jeremy Quinn. Selections are paired with grilled French fare. In case of bad weather, the tasting moves indoors. 7:30 p.m. \$40. Webster's Wine Bar, 1480 W. Webster Ave. 773-868-0608. Reservations: signup@websterwinebar.com

Black out
Leave the mall behind and do some open-air browsing instead at the **Black Thai International Arts and Crafts Fest**. The monthly summer art fair features wood carvings, jewelry, paintings, fossils and other goods from Asia, Africa and Europe. 9 a.m. Through Friday. Free. Canal Street and Jackson Boulevard. 312-491-0999.

**THU
7/10**

Horsing around

Bored with your usual hangout? Check out Lakeview's newest bar and grill, **The Pony**, at a grand opening party. Score specials on food and drinks, including \$3 16-ounce Coors Light Silver Bullet cans and \$5 Effen cocktails. On the menu: buffalo wings with sweet potato fries and a choice of dipping sauce (\$8); Cajun rock shrimp and calamari with roasted red peppers and remoulade (\$9); buffalo chicken sliders (\$7 for three); and more. 7:30 p.m. 1638 W. Belmont Ave. 773-828-5055.



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CLARKE'S
\$2 select cocktails, \$2 Miller Lite drafts, half-price food; 2445 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-472-8306.

CLYBAR
\$1 tacos, \$3 Coronas and Miller Chill, \$4 Jose Cuervo margaritas, team trivia 8 p.m.; 2417 N. Clybourn Ave. 773-388-1877.

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\$3 drafts, \$3 Jager shots, \$4 Jager bombs, half-price chicken sandwiches; 235 N. Ashland Ave.

312-226-6300.

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GASLIGHT
\$3.50 Woodchuck Cider drafts, \$4 Effen Cherry bombs, \$5 wine glasses, \$5 salads, \$14 Corona and Corona Light buckets; 2426 N. Racine Ave. 773-929-7759.

GREEN DOOR TAVERN
\$4 Fat Tire drafts, half-price appetizers; 678 N. Orleans St. 312-664-5496.

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\$3.50 312 bottles, \$4 Newcastle bottles; 1458 W. Taylor St. 312-226-3951.

HIDDEN SHAMROCK
\$2.50 Labatt Blue

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LINCOLN STATION
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\$2.50 featured beer pints, \$1 tacos after 4 p.m.; 2432 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-472-8100.

LIZZIE MCNEILL'S
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SWEET DEAL Score \$3.50 draft cider and other cheap drinks on Tuesday at Gaslight in Lincoln Park. [BARRY BRECHEISEN FILE PHOTO FOR METROMIX]

pints, \$3.50 featured beer pints, \$1 tacos after 4 p.m.; 2432 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-472-8100.

MCDUNNA'S
\$2 Bud and Bud Light bottles; 1505 W. Fullerton Ave. 773-929-0944.

MCFADDEN'S
\$2 Corona and Corona Light bottles, \$2 Jose

taco plates; 674 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-528-6670.

MCGINNYS TAP
25 cent wings, \$3 Bud Light drafts, \$5 Captain Morgan cocktails; 313 W. North Ave. 312-943-5228.

THE MOTEL BAR

Cuervo shots, \$2 pairs of tacos or sliders; 1206 N. State Pkwy. 312-475-9450.

\$3 Goose Island drafts, \$5 Jim Beam cocktails, \$6 Knob Creek cocktails, \$7 fish tacos; 600 W. Chicago Ave. 312-822-2900.

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428-3331.

SEDGWICK'S
\$1 tacos, \$10 Blue Moon pitchers, \$15 Coors Light buckets; 1935 N. Sedgwick St. 312-337-7900.

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\$7 PBR pitchers; 2138 N. Halsted St. 773-348-3665.

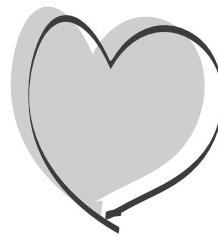
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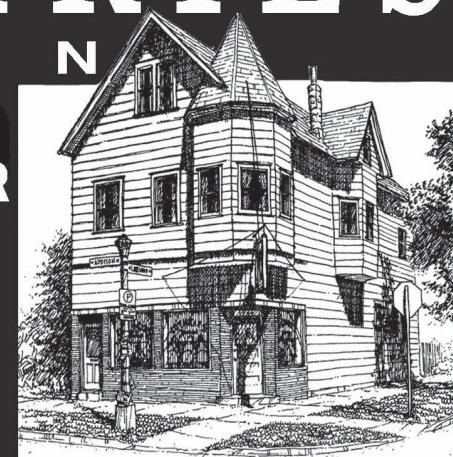
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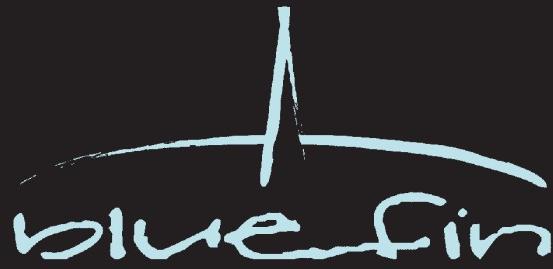
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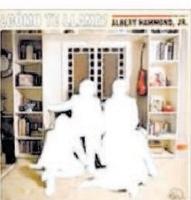
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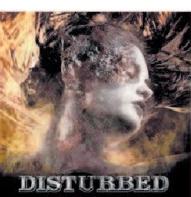
**Albert
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"COMO TE LLAMA?"

The
Strokes'
rhythm
guitarist
leaves his ample-

haired N.Y. mates for a second spin in the spotlight. The raw energy of his day job has been replaced with a loose, glammey rock sound reminiscent of Bowie circa '75. Hammond likes to fuzz out his vocals and his guitar, which isn't to say he doesn't get pretty now and then. The chirpy riffing and falsetto coo on first single "GfC" are destined for a Volvo ad. There are hooks and laid-back cool galore, an indie aesthetic mixed with a throwback fake-wood-paneling vibe. I can't think of a better album to pass out to. [SEAN DALY,
ST. PETERSBURG TIMES]

SINGLED OUT

SONGS TO KEEP AN EAR OUT FOR



Disturbed
"INSIDE THE FIRE"

"Inside the Fire" is about girls, suicide and the devil. More importantly, it's also about rawk. If you're

not a Judas Priest fan, or don't appreciate metal-studded leather codpieces, you can stop reading now. Disturbed singer David Draiman gets his growly Rob Halford on, and guitar specialist Dan Donegan does his best to re-create the twin guitar assault of Glenn Tipton and K.K. Downing. [SEAN DALY,
ST. PETERSBURG TIMES]

CD RACK

Also due in stores Tuesday:

- >> Great Big Sea, "Fortune's Favour"
- >> Kerli, "Love Is Dead"
- >> Melvins, "Nude With Boots"
- >> Ratatat, "Lp3"
- >> Soundtrack, "Mamma Mia!"

Modern MAN

Beck collaborates with Danger Mouse on 8th major-label album

New York Times News Service

Several months ago, Beck Hansen fulfilled a promise he'd made to himself: to archive the heap of personal recordings in his closet. It was a chore that reacquainted him with the performer he had been early in his career and the artist he has since become, and as he wandered through more than a decade's worth of unreleased music, he found himself feeling nostalgic, relieved and occasionally mortified.

"It is a bit random, what ends up getting released and what stays in the can," Beck, who is known by his first name, said in his So-Cal drawl. "Some of it's embarrassing, and some of it's better than you thought. Some of it should be burned."

He compared his unreleased songs to planes on a runway, some waiting to take off and some that never will, and marveled at the many unexplored destinations where his muse might have led him.

"There's so many directions things could have gone," he said.

The paths taken and not taken have brought him to another valedictory point in his mercurial career. On Tuesday, his 38th birthday, Beck will release "Modern Guilt," his eighth major-label studio album. It is his first collaboration with Danger Mouse, the DJ and producer who is half of the funk-rock group Gnarls Bar-



BECK
[GETTY IMAGES FILE PHOTO]

kley, and his final release under the recording deal that began with Beck's 1994 breakthrough, "Mellow Gold." The completion of his contract with DGC Records could be a climactic event, occurring as the music industry continues to implode. Beck could now seek a new deal with a major label, an indie or a concert promoter, or he could go it alone. Or his label could decide not to sign him again.

"I haven't bothered to plan anything," he said. "I don't know where the record business is going to be in six months. Or three months."

Working with Danger Mouse (whose real name is Brian Burton) on "Modern Guilt," Beck hoped their mutually eclectic musical tastes would yield a set of songs that were upbeat but stripped down, exuberant without being overthought. Their first sessions, in December, yielded two

complete songs in two days.

Beneath the catchy, minimalist beats Burton provided, and some backing vocals from Chan Marshall (better known as Cat Power), the 10 tracks on "Modern Guilt" share a mood of dismissiveness and denial.

Beginning with the first line of the first song, "Orphans" (on which Beck sings, "I think I'm stranded but I don't know where"), the album's lyrics frequently evoke a kind of beat-your-head-against-the-wall frustration, complete with images of walls that fall down on you and seas that swallow you up. The brevity of "Modern Guilt"—only two songs are longer than four minutes, and several end abruptly around the three-minute mark—was deliberate, Beck said. "I wanted everything to be really concise, over before you're done with it."

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9:30 p.m. Free. Quenchers Saloon, 2401 N. Western Ave. 773-276-9730.

Alison Ruble Quartet
5 p.m. \$5. Andy's Jazz Club, 11 E. Hubbard St. 312-642-6805.

Bill's Blues Jam
8:30 p.m. Free. Bill's Blues Bar, 1029 Davis St., Evanston. 847-424-9800.

Boys Like Girls, Good Charlotte, Metro Station, The Main
5:30 p.m. \$24.50. Congress Theater, 2135 N. Milwaukee Ave. 312-559-1212.

Brazzaville, The Spherical Banana, Artist X
8:30 p.m. \$7. Elbo Room, 2871 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-549-5549.

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6:30 p.m. Free. Welles Park, 2333 W. Sunnyside Ave. 312-742-7511.

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Folk and Violence, Piss Piss Piss Moan Moan Moan, Big Nurse, Social Junk
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Jimmy Ellis
5:30 p.m. Free. Museum of Contemporary Art. 220 E. Chicago Ave. 312-397-4010.

Art (Tuesdays on the Terrace), 220 E. Chicago Ave. 312-397-4010.

Joe Barr, Joanna Connor
9:30 p.m. \$12. Kingston Mines, 2548 N. Halsted St. 773-477-4646.

John Zamojcin
8 p.m. Free. Redhead Piano Bar, 16 W. Ontario St. 312-640-1000.

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8 p.m. Free. Morse Land, 1218 W. Morse Ave. 773-923-2000.

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Ron Pope, Zach Berkman
8 p.m. Tips/donations. Uncommon Ground on Clark, 3800 N. Clark St. 773-929-3680.

Sexfist
9 p.m. Free. Red Line Tap, 7006 N. Glenwood Ave. 773-274-5463.

Studebaker John
8:30 p.m. Free. Harlem Avenue Lounge, 3701 Harlem Ave., Berwyn. 708-484-3610.

Van Morrison
7:30 p.m. \$75-\$300. Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Rd., Rosemont. 312-559-1212.

Virginia Coalition, Rex Moroux
9 p.m. \$12. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

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'Burn Notice' wins over fans with mix of action, comedy and star's deadpan charisma

Los Angeles Daily News

Jeffrey Donovan works 14 hours a day, five days a week on his hit show "Burn Notice," but he's not complaining.

"I just love that I get to play a spy. I'm like James Bond in America," said Donovan, who stars as the unflappable Michael Westen, a former CIA agent fighting desperately for his career. "You know, I could never be this cool in real life."

In the show's first season, Westen received a "burn notice," making him a very unwanted man. With his assets frozen, Westen was stranded in his hometown of Miami, where his best hopes for rebooting his career lie in two people he can't quite trust—Fiona (Gabrielle Anwar), his gun-crazy ex-girlfriend, and Sam (Bruce Campbell), a former spook who once sold him out.

To make ends meet, he takes on cases like any small-potatoes private detective would. And the spy isn't so cool or guilt-free that he won't answer the pleas of his nagging mother (Sharon Gless), who doesn't understand why her boy can't be more doting to her even when he's busy blowing things up.

"Burn Notice" debuted last summer on USA Network, where it averaged 4 million viewers, a solid tally by cable standards. Viewers were won over by the mix of action, comedy and the Miami location, not to mention Donovan's deadpan charisma as Westen as he explained inside-baseball tricks of the spy trade to viewers in droll voice-over narration.

"We fight for a balance [where] you are drawn to maybe the action sequences and spy stuff, but you get hooked on really becoming involved with Fiona and Sam, and Michael and mom," Donovan said.

"If you care about them, that brings you back [to watch more episodes]. But the initial interest might be that you're watching a spy [who] gets to, you know, beat up bad guys and create bombs out of toasters."

Donovan attributes the show's success to creator Matt Nix.

"He's the one who came up with the idea of a guy who was MacGyver-esque, but you actually believed he could do those things," Donovan said. "Everything that we do in the show, you actually can make at home. Matt keeps a couple of ingredients out of the bombs just so no one [watching], you know, blows up little Timmy."

As Season 2 begins, Michael meets the operative who's been pulling his strings: A woman calling herself "Carla" (Tricia Helfer of "Battlestar Galactica"), who issues edicts to Michael that he dares ignore only under penalty of death.

"I've only actually unfortunately gotten to work with her for, like, a day," Donovan said. "I wish I had her agent."

Indeed, in the first two episodes of the new season, Helfer has little screen time. Still, Donovan can't stop enthusing about his new co-star: "She's wonderful. She's beautiful. She's really smart. If she wasn't already married, she's marriage material."

Asked if Helfer's character might supplant Anwar's as Michael's romantic foil, Donovan said, "I hope so. She's hot."

But Donovan doesn't think we've seen the end of the dysfunctional relationship between Michael and Fiona.

"That's a crazy relationship that's going to go left, right and all around, and it'll be exciting," he said. "Some [scripts] I actually don't read until I get on the [set that] day, just so I can see what crazy thing she's going to do to me."

>> READ INTERVIEWS WITH "BURN NOTICE" STARS TRICIA HELFER AND SHARON GLESS AT REDEYECHICAGO.COM/SHOWPATROL.

For video previews of "Burn Notice" and several other July shows, go to redeyechicago.com/showpatrol.



DONOVAN
AND ANWAR IN
'BURN NOTICE'
[USA NETWORK PHOTO]

Summer escape

JULY 2008 | SUMMER SERIES

Summer isn't the season for watching TV. It's nice out. People like to play at the lakefront or parks until the sun goes down. In order to bring viewers indoors during the summer, a series has to offer three things: humor, escapism and action.

Here's a look at what's coming to TV in July and what they have to offer viewers.

Baldwin Hills **HE**

9 P.M. TUESDAY, BET

Forget "The Hills." These wealthy African-American teens are all about reality. In Tuesday's Season 2 premiere, Moriah gets stuck in the middle of a war between two hostile hotties.

Scare Tactics **HA**

9 P.M. WEDNESDAY, SCI FI

Tracy Morgan hosts the prank show, which opens with a medical office temp who is horrified when she helps deliver a "devil baby."

Ghost Hunters International **E**

8 P.M. WEDNESDAY, SCI FI

In the season premiere, the spook investigators give a castle in New Zealand the once over searching for a haunting.

Greatest American Dog

7 P.M. THURSDAY, CBS

A dozen smart dogs and their owners move in together. Each week they learn a new trick, and the worst performer is euthanized. Just kidding.

Burn Notice **HAE**

9 P.M. THURSDAY, USA

Spy Michael Westen uses his wit, strength, technical genius—and super-sexiness—to survive in Miami when a secret organization targets him.

Flashpoint **A**

9 P.M. FRIDAY, CBS

Cops from Toronto's strategic response unit do what they do best—shoot criminals, rescue hostages, defuse bombs and then second-guess their actions.



Stargate Atlantis **HAE**

9 P.M. FRIDAY, SCI FI

Will the Atlantans survive the booby-trapped building? Will Teyla escape from Michael's evil clutch? Will her baby EVER be born? The cliffhangers get resolved Friday.

SHOW PATROL

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The Closer **HA**

8 P.M. MONDAY, TNT

Kyra Sedgwick's deputy chief Brenda Johnson still is making a mess of her personal life while a wildfire wrecks havoc on her latest investigation.

Generation Kill **HA**

8 P.M. SUNDAY, HBO

The production team from "The Wire" brings another brilliantly thought-out drama to HBO, this time about the first wave of Marines to enter Iraq.

Big Brother 10

7 P.M. SUNDAY, CBS

Seeing flashes of nudity, sex and dirty dealing doesn't make up for the hours—yes, hours (on Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays) of boredom.

Saving Grace **HA**

9 P.M. MONDAY, TNT

Holly Hunter goes to an extremely dark space as troubled cop Grace Hanadarko seeks revenge on the priest who made her hate religion.

The Cleaner **A**

9 P.M. TUESDAY, A&E

Benjamin Bratt plays a reformed drug addict who puts together a team of "extreme interventionists" trying to save other addicts.



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Martin Lawrence Presents 1st Amendment Standup **H**

9 P.M. WEDNESDAY, STARZ

Chicago native Don "D.C." Curry performs in the premiere, and is followed later in the season by Chicago's Rodney Perry, Deon Cole, Ray Lipowski and Raymond Grady.

Project Runway **HE**

8 P.M. JULY 16, BRAVO

Heidi Klum and Tim Gunn make their last runway walk at Bravo before the fashionista-fest re-emerges in November on Lifetime.

The Gong Show with Dave Attell **H**

9 P.M. JULY 17, COMEDY CENTRAL

It can't be any worse than "America's Got Talent," right?

Monk **HD**

8 P.M. JULY 18, USA

Fussy P.I. Adrian Monk gets a new therapist, Dr. Neven Bell (Hector Elizondo). Monk says his first name isn't a perfect palindrome because the first "N" is capitalized.

Jingles

8 P.M. JULY 27, CBS

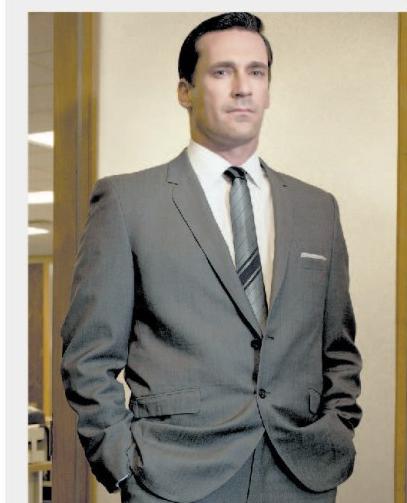
Contestants come up with ditties to sell products on TV. It could be fun ... Come to think of it, probably not.



Pysch **HAE**

9 P.M. JULY 18, USA

The boys are back and psyching out more criminals—and the police department. Read an interview with stars Dule Hill and James Roday at redeyechicago.com/showpatrol.



Mad Men **HD**

9 P.M. JULY 27, AMC

It's the 1960s, and the advertising mad men love to smoke, drink and pat their secretaries on the tushes. AMC has set a Season 1 marathon starting at noon July 20.

High School Musical: Get in the Picture

7 P.M. JULY 20, ABC

Here's one for the kids—who will no doubt be angry they aren't participating for a chance to be in the next musical sequel.

Sordid Lives **HE**

9 P.M. JULY 23, LOGO

Peggy Ingram (Rue McClanahan) takes in ex-con Bitsy Mae Harling (Olivia Newton-John), causing upheaval in her family and the small Texas town where they live.

Eureka **HAE**

8 P.M. JULY 29, SCI FI

In the town "where anything is possible," scientists create freaky new inventions that sometimes cause trouble for Sheriff Jack Carter (Colin Ferguson).



JOLIE
[AP FILE PHOTO]

Twice as much fun?

Twin pregnancies—like Jolie's—are complicated, doctors say

Associated Press

A horde of paparazzi are the least of Angelina Jolie's worries these days. It's not easy giving birth to twins.

Jolie has been hospitalized for a week in the seaside Lenval Hospital in Nice, on the French Riviera. The actress is under doctors' watch before she gives birth. Doctors say that's not a bad strategy.

"The risk of nearly everything you can think of in pregnancy is increased with twins," said Dr. Virginia Beckett, an obstetrician-gynecologist and spokeswoman for Britain's Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Mothers pregnant with twins have higher chances of miscarriage, stillbirth,

high blood pressure and diabetes. Beckett characterized women expecting twins as "a particularly worrying group of patients."

Twins also are more likely than single-born babies to have chromosomal or genetic abnormalities, since early diagnosis of these problems is difficult.

While there is little that can be done to change your genetics, women pregnant with twins cope with the physical strain on their bodies better if they are healthy and fit.

"I assume Angelina doesn't have a problem with that," Beckett said.

More than half of all twins are born early, which may explain Jolie's early check-in. Jolie has previously said the twins were due in August.

At a news conference last week at the hospital, Jolie's doctor said the actress would give birth "in the weeks to come." Dr. Michel Sussmann said Jolie, 33, was doing fine but had checked in to be kept under observation.

Doctors aren't entirely sure whether a natural delivery or a Caesarean section is better for twins; an international twin birth study is still ongoing to investigate that question.

In a natural delivery, monitoring the twins externally is hard. Labor is generally straightforward until the second twin arrives.

Once the first twin is out, there is more room for the second twin to maneuver. That extra room may be problematic since it could allow the second twin to get into difficult positions, including a breech birth.

Doctors might recommend a Caesarean section if a woman has high blood pressure, if there is a risk of delivering early, or if previous deliveries have had complications.

Women also are more likely to have a Caesarean section if they have had one previously. Jolie's youngest daughter, Shiloh, was delivered by Caesarean section.

Jolie's arrival at the hospital ahead of her delivery date could mean she has some health problems doctors want to monitor.

Still, Beckett said Jolie might be perfectly healthy, and said that some women chose to check into medical facilities even with no impending problems.

"Maybe Angelina just needs a break from everything," she suggested.



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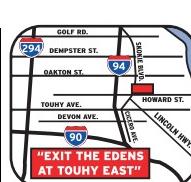
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■ **Sex & City** (R) 12:45, 4:00, 7:15, 10:20

LANDMARK CENTURY CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK)

2828 North Clark St., Chicago
(773) 509-4949
■ **Gonzo: Hunter** (R) 2:10, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
■ **Diminished** (NR) 1:50, 4:10, 7:20, 9:40
■ **OSS 117: Cairo** (NR) 2:00, 4:25, 10:10
■ **Brick Lane** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
■ **War, Inc.** (R) 1:55, 7:10
■ **Savage Grace** (NR) 4:40, 9:45
■ **The Fall** (R) 1:45, 4:20, 7:15, 10:00
■ **The Visitor** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:15, 7:25, 9:55

CITY NORTH 14 (KERASOTES)

2600 N. Western Ave.
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■ **Hancock** (PG-13) ★ 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 5:20, 5:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:10, 6:05, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00
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■ **Get Smart** (PG-13) 2:10, 4:50, 7:40, 10:40
■ **The Happening** (R) 9:45
■ **Incredible Hulk** (PG-13) ★ 1:15, 3:50, 6:40, 9:50
■ **Kung Fu Panda** (PG) 12:10, 2:20, 5:00, 7:20
■ **DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)**

4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago
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■ **Sex & City** (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00

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POP DVDS

BY DAVID GERMAIN, AP

Batman Begins

DVD GIFT SET, \$39.92; BLU-RAY GIFT SET, \$49.99;
BASIC BLU-RAY RELEASE, \$28.99

With "The Dark Knight" sequel hitting theaters July 18, the 2005 flick starring Christian Bale returns in two-disc DVD and single-disc Blu-ray gift sets. Highlighting the Blu-ray extras is "The Dark Knight" prologue, the first six minutes of the new film, in which Heath Ledger's Joker and thieves in clown masks pull off a bank heist. Other bonus materials include a 32-page DC Comics adaptation of the movie prologue and five postcards.

» Also from Warner Bros. are seasons five of the animated shows "The Batman" and its cousin "Teen Titans" (DVD sets, \$19.98 each), and the animated movie "Batman: Gotham Knight" (single-disc DVD, \$19.98, two-disc DVD set, \$29.98, Blu-ray, \$34.99).



BALE IN
'BATMAN BEGINS'
[WARNER BROS. PHOTO]

ALSO OUT TUESDAY

Superhero Movie

DVD, \$29.95

This spoof features Drake Bell, Tracy Morgan, Leslie Nielsen, Jeffrey Tambor and Pamela Anderson in the tale of a teen who's bitten by a mutant dragonfly and gains superpowers. The movie is in theatrical version or an extended cut, with extras that include deleted scenes, an alternate ending, behind-the-scenes segments and commentary.

Stop-Loss

DVD, \$29.99

Ryan Phillippe plays an Iraq veteran who gets a "stop-loss" order—the military's policy of pressing troops into service after their stint is up. Directed by Kimberly Peirce ("Boys Don't Cry"), the film co-stars Channing Tatum, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Timothy Olyphant, Abbie Cornish and Ciara Hinds. The DVD has deleted scenes, a making-of featurette and commentary with Peirce.

The Ruins

DVD, \$29.99; BLU-RAY, \$39.99

Rather than going to the beach for spring break, a group of young tourists decides to visit the jungles of Central America, where terror awaits them among the Mayan ruins. The cast of this fright flick includes Jonathan Tucker, Jena Malone, Shawn Ashmore and Laura Ramsey. The DVD and Blu-ray releases include an alternate ending, deleted scenes, and cast and crew interviews.

G - General audience **PG** - Parental guidance suggested
PG-13 - Parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13
R - Restricted, under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian
NC-17 - No one 17 and under admitted

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3733 N. Southport, Chicago
(773) 871-6604</p> <p>■ Kung Fu Panda (PG) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00
■ Incredible Hulk (PG-13) 9:30 P.M.
■ Shrek the Third (PG) 10:00 A.M.</p> <p>FORD CITY 14 (AMC)
S. Cicero at 76th, Chicago
(773) 582-1839
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■ Sex & City (R) 12:45, 4:00, 7:15, 10:20</p> <p>PIPER'S ALLEY (AMC)
1608 N. Wells, Chicago
(312) 642-7500
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AMC Select - The best specialty films
■ AMC Select Mongol (R) 1:50, 2:40, 5:15, 7:00, 7:55
■ AMC Select When Did You (PG-13) 4:45 P.M.
■ You Don't Mess (PG-13) 5:00 P.M.
■ Respond (NR) 2:15, 7:30</p> <p>RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)
322 E. Illinois Street
847-765-7262
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■ Kung Fu Panda (PG) 2:25, 4:55, 7:25
■ You Don't Mess (PG-13) 1:15, 5:50</p> <p>GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER
164 State Street
312-846-2800
■ Heartbeat Det. (NR) 6:30
■ Top Hat (NR) 6:00
■ Frank and Cindy (NR) 8:00</p> <p>LINCOLN VILLAGE THEATER
6341 N. McCormick at Devon Chicago
312-642-2403
■ Over the Hedge (PG) 11:00 A.M.
■ Get Smart (PG-13) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:50
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■ LOGAN THEATRE
2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago
(773) 252-0628
■ Speed Racer (PG) 2:15, 5:50, 8:20
■ Incredible Hulk (PG-13) 2:00, 4:10, 6:20, 8:30
■ Indiana Jones (PG-13) 2:00, 4:10, 6:25, 8:40
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7000 Carpenter Rd., Skokie
(800) 326-3264 #2309
■ Hancock (PG-13) ★ 12:30, 12:50, 1:10, 1:40, 2:20, 2:50, 3:10, 3:30, 4:00, 4:40, 5:10, 5:40, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:50, 9:20, 10:00, 10:30
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CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
By: Geoffrey Urban
General Manager, Purchasing
July 8, 2008

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Copies of the Amended Complaint, proposed Final Judgment and Competitive Impact Statement are available for inspection at the Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, Antitrust Documents Group, 450 5th Street, N.W., Room 1010, Washington, DC 20530 (telephone: 202-514-2481), or the Department of Justice's Web site at <http://www.usdoj.gov/atr> and at the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

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GEEK TO ME

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Introducing the father of 'Spawn'

Todd McFarlane's "Spawn" comic book has achieved a superhuman feat that not many creator-owned comics have: It's remained a popular title and expanded into other forms of entertainment.

Several years ago, McFarlane decided to create a comic-book hero of his own, one that would be equal in popularity to those he had written and drawn for other companies, including Spider-Man, Hulk and Batman.

With that in mind, he created the occult anti-hero Spawn, a former CIA agent who gains his abilities after making a deal with a demon. Since Spawn's first comic-book appearance in 1992, McFarlane has pushed the character into an animated HBO series, a movie, video games and an extensive line of toys. McFarlane also has set up a Web site, spawn.com, that offers daily updates on the "Spawn" universe.

After a few years of pursuing other interests in his McFarlane Companies, he is relaunching the comic-book "Spawn" with the help of veteran writer Brian Holguin and fan-favorite artist Whilce Portacio.

In Issue No. 185, the character Spawn will be "turned on a dime," McFarlane told me at Wizard World Chicago. He hopes that this new direction beginning in October will engage new readers and remind fans that Spawn is alive and well.

McFarlane and his team already have plotted out the first 15 issues of the new "Spawn" with an eye toward Issue No. 200 — a milestone number for any comic book.

When asked about Spawn's longevity, McFarlane said the character's success was



Comic book creator Todd McFarlane looks into the eyes of his character Spawn. [ANNAPENAPHOTOGRAPHY.COM]

the fourth albums [that became hits].

"You can't do that now; you'd be out of the industry if your first two records don't hit."

While he won't dismiss the importance of sales of "Spawn" entirely, he is insulating the creative team from those concerns, allowing them to simply work on telling good stories — giving them "time to cook the stew," as McFarlane put it. Hopefully, the audience will enjoy the stew and Spawn will continue to endure.

► In addition to the Spawn revamp, McFarlane is focusing on his newest licensed property: *Guitar Hero*. As part of a deal with Activision, McFarlane Toys will produce action figures based on characters inspired by the hit video game.



GO ONLINE

► Starting this week, I'm writing a blog for RedEye where you can listen to my entire interview with Todd McFarlane and the "Spawn" creative team. Go to redeyechicago.com/geektome.

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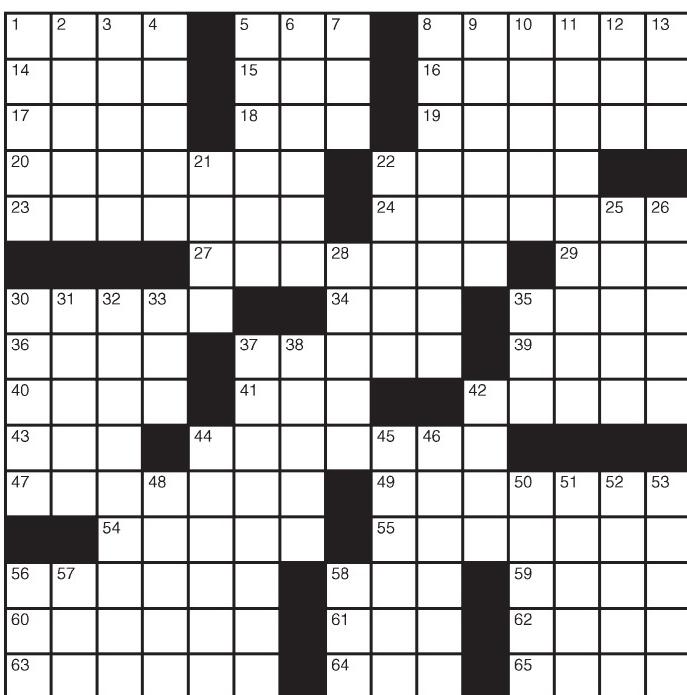
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It's a... Sunday!

Nicole and Keith's newborn gets a big announcement

Associated Press

Nicole Kidman gave birth Monday to a baby girl named Sunday.

Mom and husband Keith Urban said in a statement through Urban's rep that they were delighted to announce the birth of Sunday Rose Kidman Urban, who weighed in at 6 pounds, 7 1/2 ounces.

"Keith was by Nicole's side and mother and baby are very well," publicist Paul Freundlich told The Associated Press.

Papa Urban also posted a message to his Web site thanking "everybody that has kept us in their thoughts and prayers" and adding, "We feel very blessed and grateful that we can share this joy with all of you today."

RedEye can't help but wonder what's in store for the latest member of the Kidman-Urban clan. Is she the Next Big Thing in baby gossip? Let's break down Sunday's tabloid-target potential. [REDEYE CONTRIBUTED.]

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The baby is the first for Kidman and Urban, who married in June 2006. Kidman has two children, Isabella and Connor, from her marriage to Tom Cruise. Kidman recently told *Vanity Fair* that she had a miscarriage early on in her relationship with Cruise, leading them to adopt.



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FAMOUS FOLKS

Sunday has this one in the bag: Mom's an Oscar winner (you'll have to text us to find out what she won for), and Dad won a Grammy in 2006 for best male country vocal.

That's what HE said!

Brian Baumgartner has a hard time living down his character from "The Office."

"If the conversation goes beyond a sentence then I invariably will get some comment like 'You talk different,'" the actor, who plays the slow-talking Kevin Malone, told RedEye on Monday.

Baumgartner stars in a new round of Webisodes called "Kevin's Loan" beginning Thursday at nbc.com. In the four minis, the hilariously inept Dunder-Mifflin accountant Kevin tries to get a loan to pay off gambling debts. To say more would ruin the fun, but yes, Kevin's just as clueless as ever.

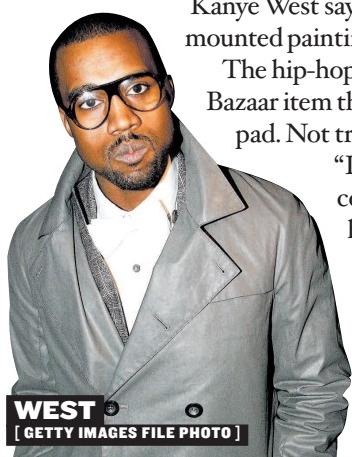
Baumgartner said the fact fans think he really is like Kevin can turn into a "dangerous proposition" at bars because "everybody wants to buy Kevin [a drink]—not really me—but have a shot or a drink with Kevin."

"I don't know exactly what it is but Kevin has this, like, everybody wants to have a beer with him thing," he said. "There's some sort of big guy, lovable oaf thing that people respond to, I guess," he said.



BAUMGARTNER
[NBC PHOTO]

Image wars



WEST
[GETTY IMAGES FILE PHOTO]

Kanye West says he's no angel—at least not the one depicted in a ceiling-mounted painting in his home.

The hip-hop mogul took to his blog Sunday to address a past Harper's Bazaar item that suggested West kept a heavenly image of himself at his pad. Not true, says West.

"It bothered me greatly because people think I'm so so so cocky that I would have something like that," he wrote on his kanyeuniversecity.com blog. "I'm sure it was an inside joke to everyone from the magazine in my home that day. People would come over [to] my house after that and say, 'I heard about this pic of you as an angel!'"

West signed off, "I guess it's bittersweet, you spend half your life trying to become larger than life and the other half trying to just live a real life again."

Baby watch

An expectant Angelina Jolie had visitors to her French hospital room over the weekend, usmagazine.com reports. A bodyguard brought son Maddox to spend time with Mom on the 4th of July, and Jolie's brother James Haven entered the Nice hospital Saturday through a side door, according to the mag. Security at the site reportedly has increased since Jolie checked in.

'Musical' farewell

"High School Musical" star Corbin Bleu wrapped his final scene for the third installment of the Disney franchise recently and told USA Today the experience of a duet with Zac Efron was "surreal." "This has been such a huge part of my life," Bleu says. "For this to be the last installment for us is pretty surreal."



BLEU

Tree hugger?

KT Tunstall must have a thing for trees. The "Black Horse and the Cherry Tree" singer tells MTV News she's working on a song inspired by the children's book "The Giving Tree." "It's called 'The Hidden Heart,' and it's basically about a tree that really doesn't like people," Tunstall recently told the network. "The boy just takes bits from the tree to make himself happy, and finally, the tree's just an old stump, and the boy's now a man, sitting on a stump, and he's still not happy," Tunstall explained. "And the tree's like, 'Well, mate, I did my best—I've got no more to give.' The song's about people being ignorant, really."

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PASS THE CHAMP... WAYNE

Lil Wayne wants you to raise a glass—to his very own champagne product.

The self-proclaimed greatest rapper alive is set to launch the bubbly, dubbed Halo, sometime in the fall, [vibe.com](#) reports. It'll feature four variations of the top-shelf libation with names including Halo Brut, Halo Brut Vintage, Halo Rose and Halo Pinnacle. The variations reportedly will range in taste from something with a "roasted hazelnut flavor with a citrusy finish" to a concoction "laden with the texture of pure fruit."

"Champagne is for celebrating," Wayne said in a statement about the bubbly. "I'm ready to put my foot in a new door. There are so many different business opportunities. I want to take advantage of it all."



BARRYMORE X **LONG**

She's so over the Mac

Drew Barrymore and Justin Long have split up, her representative confirmed to Us magazine Monday.

The couple had been overdosing on cute since August 2007. "My cheeks hurt, I'm so happy," Barrymore told Vogue this spring.

The unfortunate kicker to this relationship is the fact that they both will star in the "He's Just Not That Into You" movie scheduled to open in early 2009.

THE DIGIT

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The number of episodes Fox has ordered for an hourlong variety show hosted by Ozzy Osbourne, Sharon Osbourne and their kids, Jack and Kelly, reports Variety.

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Winehouse far from edge

In a candid interview, Amy Winehouse told Rolling Stone that her recent troubles—canceled tours, photos of her stumbling shirtless outside her home, stories of drug use—were a result of her heartbreak separation from her husband.

"To be honest, my husband's away, I'm bored, I'm young," Winehouse said in an interview that began at 4 a.m., when Winehouse surprised the reporter by inviting her into her house for a beer. "I felt like there was nothing to live for. It's just been a low ebb."

But Winehouse doesn't feel she's in dire straits. "It's never been like, 'Amy, get your life together,'" said Winehouse, whose husband, Blake Fielder-Civil, is in jail for assault.

The skinny soul singer said she's on a "strict pizza diet" to put on weight.

"I love food," she said, "I'm just stressed out."



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AMY WINEHOUSE
[on her general state of being while her husband has been in jail]

Rehab unfunny

Eva Mendes has one word for people who make light of substance abuse: Don't.

The Hollywood starlet, who admitted herself to rehab in January, reportedly fired back at an Interview magazine reporter who joked that Alcoholics Anonymous could be called Alcoholics Unanimous because of its high profile in Hollywood, according to excerpts on [usmagazine.com](#).

"I'm not making jokes, because people die from this stuff," she says. "So, honestly, I think it's a bit tacky that you made a joke. I've got to be honest."

And don't even get her started on her reasons for her own rehab, which her rep has attributed to "personal issues."

"There are so many lies out there regarding my recent trip to [rehab facility] Cirque Lodge," Mendes says. "But I don't care what people think. I just don't care. So I will neither confirm nor deny."



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